

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the City Council.
Austin, Texas, January 10th 1898.

Hon. John L. McCall, Mayor, presiding.
Roll called.

Present: Aldermen Deloin, Crooner, Fischer, Higgins, Shuler, Maddox, McLenore, Morris, Stetson, Hall, Powell, Kidd, Rosenbaum, Stimpff, Taylor and Townsend.
Absent Aldermen: Ault, Horton, Rosenbaum, Shelley and Gilmer.

Minutes approved as printed. On motion the minutes were approved as printed without reading.

Petitions, Etc.

By Alderman Morris: Petition of E. L. Lunsco. Read and referred to the Street Commission.

By Alderman Taylor: Petition of East Austin Horse Co. asking the Council to let the floor their hall. Read and referred to the Fire Committee.

Aldermen Horton and Shelley entered the Council Chamber.
The Mayor laid before the Council application of Geo. A. Webb & Co. for permission to erect a shed on lot 5, Block 66 within the fire limits.
Read and referred to the Fire Commissioners.

Reports of City Officers.

By the City Engineer. Report of cost of bridge across Drawings Branch in South Austin. Read and ordered filed.

Alderman Rosenbaum entered the Council Chamber.
Alderman Powell, for the Police Committee, to whom was referred the report of the City Marshal for the month of December, 1897, presented a report stating that the reports had been examined and found correct.
The report was ordered filed.

Alderman McLenore, for the Printing Committee presented a report stating that they had advertised for, and received bids for Newspaper and Job Printing for the present fiscal year, and presented said bids for the consideration of the Council.

Alderman Taylor moved that action on the bids be deferred until the report of the budget committee had been received, which motion prevailed.

Unfinished Business.

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$80. to pay salaries of two extra drivers for street teams for the month of January 1898. The ordinance was read second time and on motion further consideration was postponed until after the budget was adopted.

The Mayor then laid before the Council an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$50. to pay J. J. Munn and A. L. Pollard.

The ordinance was read second time, and on motion was laid on the table.

New Business.

Alderman Deloin offered a resolution directing the City Engineer to number the streets north of Twenty-sixth Street, and to procure necessary signs for the same. On motion the resolution was postponed until the adoption of the budget.

Alderman Morris offered the following resolution:
Whereas the records in the City Assessor and Collector's office show that there is at the present time, City taxes, and license taxes, amounting in the aggregate to \$58,000.
Whereas the City now needs \$100,000 to pay interest and principal on its bonds.

obligations, and to make needed repairs upon the streets, and
Whedon, justice and equity demand that the burden of taxation should rest
upon all tax payers of the City alike; therefore, be it
Resolved, by the City Council of the City of Austin:

First. That the City Attorney be and he is hereby directed to use every legal
remedy necessary to enforce the payment of City taxes for the year 1896, and
prior years.

Second. That if the present ordinances of the City are not sufficient to
enable him to do so, and other legal remedies can be brought to bear
upon delinquent tax payers by the passage by the City Council, of an
additional ordinance, or ordinances, containing such further remedies,
then and in that event that the City Attorney be, and he is hereby di-
rected, to prepare for submission to the Council, as soon as practicable
such ordinances as he may deem necessary to enable him to comply
with with subdivision thereof.

Third. That this resolution take effect and be in force from and after
its passage.

Alderman Platt moved to refer the resolution to a special committee
of 5, which motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas. Aldermen Crooker, Maddox, Mc Semore, Platt, Pidd and Townsend 6.
Nays Aldermen Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Rubin, Miller, Morris,
Stitcher, Powell, Oberdean, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf and Saylor 14.

The resolution was then adopted by the following vote:

Yeas. Aldermen Belvin, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Rubin, Maddox, Miller,
Morris, Stitcher, Powell, Oberdean, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf and Saylor 15.
Nays. Aldermen Crooker, Mc Semore, Platt, Pidd and Townsend 5.

Alderman Powell moved that the resolution be printed in full in the
proceedings, which motion prevailed.

Alderman Morris presented a resolution in regard to the probable receipts
and expenditures of the City during the fiscal year, and requesting an
opinion from the City Attorney as to the legal authority of the Council
to levy a special tax for 1897, to pay a portion of the judgment of the
Austin Water Light and Power Company, against the City to become
due during the present fiscal year.

Alderman Deaty entered the Council Chamber.

The resolution of Alderman Morris was adopted.

By Alderman Shelley. An ordinance granting to the Postal Telegraph Cable
Company of Texas, the right to construct, operate and maintain its line of
poles and wires over the streets and alleys of the City of Austin.

The ordinance was read first time.

Alderman Shelley moved to suspend the rules and place the ordinance
on its second reading.

Alderman Saylor moved as a substitute, that the ordinance be referred
to a special committee of three, which motion was lost.

The motion to suspend the rules was then adopted by the following vote:
Yeas. Aldermen Deaty, J. C. Crooker, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Maddox,
Mc Semore, Miller, Oberdean, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf and Saylor 15.
Nays. Aldermen Platt, Pidd and Townsend 5.

Resolution in regard to probable
receipts & expenditures during present
fiscal year & the legality of levying a
special tax to pay the W.L.P.C.

Ordinance granting Postal Telegraph
Cable Co right of way over streets
alleys & public ways of City

Days. Aldermen Horton, Powell, Roberteau and Taylor. 4.

The ordinance was then read second time. The representative of the Company was invited to address the Council and explain the object of the Company.

Alderman Horton offered the following amendment: Amend section 1 as follows: After the word "Austin" insert the following: "Except Congress Avenue, unless placed underground."

The amendment was adopted by the following vote: Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Crooker, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Maddox, Mc Semore, Miller, Morris, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Pradd, Roberteau, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and Townsend 21

Days None. Alderman Maddox moved to amend section 7 by adding after the word "hereof" the words "which acceptance shall be made in writing within ten days after this ordinance shall have been approved". The amendment was adopted.

Alderman Maddox moved to amend section 2 by striking out the word "reasonable", which motion was lost. The rule was further suspended and the ordinance was placed upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote: Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Crooker, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Maddox, Mc Semore, Miller, Morris, Nitschke, Platt, Pradd, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf and Townsend. 18.

Days Aldermen Powell, Roberteau and Taylor. 3. The ordinance was then read third time and passed by the following vote: Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Crooker, Fischer, Haynes, Kuhn, Maddox, Mc Semore, Miller, Morris, Nitschke, Platt, Pradd, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf and Townsend. 17.

Days Aldermen Horton, Powell, Roberteau and Taylor. 4. On motion, Alderman Fischer was excused from further attendance at this session of the Council.

Police Committee report on Ord. defining duties of Bridge Keeper

Alderman Powell, for the Police Committee, to whom was referred an ordinance defining the duties of Bridge Keeper, presented their report together with a substitute for said ordinance. On motion, the report of the Committee was adopted.

The substitute ordinance proposed by the Committee was then read, and on motion the rule was suspended, and the ordinance read second time, by the following vote: Yeas Aldermen Belvin, Crooker, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Maddox, Mc Semore, Miller, Morris, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Pradd, Roberteau, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf and Townsend. 18.

Days Aldermen Beatty and Taylor. 2. The ordinance was read second time. Alderman Horton offered a substitute for the ordinance. Alderman Crooker moved to table the ordinance. Lost by aye 10. Yeas Aldermen Beatty, Belvin, Crooker, Fischer, Haynes, Horton, Kuhn, Maddox, Mc Semore, Miller, Morris, Nitschke, Platt, Powell, Pradd, Roberteau, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf and Townsend. 18.

Miller, Stitschke, Powell, Padd, Roberdeau, Rosengren, Shelley, Stumpf, Taylor and
Townsend. 14.

A vote was then taken on the substitute offered by Alderman Storton, and lost
by the following vote:

Yeas: Aldermen Bealy, Delvin, Storton, Maddox, Stitschke, Rosengren, Stumpf and
Taylor. 6.

Nays: Aldermen Crocker, Haynes, Hulm, McEman, Miller, Morris, Platt, Powell,
Padd, Roberdeau, Shelley, and Townsend. 14.

Alderman Taylor moved to amend by inserting that the Bridge Keeper be
required to be on duty both day and night, which motion was lost.
On motion the Council adjourned.

J. W. Johnson
City Clerk.